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A graph showing a function $f(x)$ plotted against x . The horizontal axis is labeled x and the vertical axis is labeled $f(x)$. The curve starts at a point on the x -axis and increases monotonically, passing through several points marked with dots. A horizontal line segment connects the first two points on the curve, indicating a piecewise function.

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